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Of these, 2 steamships, the *Tudor Prince* and the *Abelour*, each bound for New York via ports, were fumigated (holds, storerooms, and forecastles) with sulphur gas for the purpose of destroying vermin.

During the month ended July 31, 1907, 588 aliens applying for passage to the United States or its possessions were inspected with special reference to their freedom from trachoma, favus, and tuberculosis. Sixty-one persons were refused passage because of disease, 91 were held for diagnosis, and 436 were passed.

Six hundred and one persons embarking for American ports or for Vancouver on vessels bound for United States ports were bathed and their effects disinfected.

At Yokohama only 1 plague infected rat and no human cases of plague have been found, though the disease persists in the suburb, Hodagaya. The Japanese steamship *Yamashiro Maru* arrived in quarantine from Shanghai via Kobe and Nagasaki and was remanded on account of cholera on board en route. Three cases have died; 2 mild cases are improving.

The department of the interior has given notice that vessels arriving from Rangoon and Bombay will be disinfected before discharge of cargo on account of the continued introduction of plague in the cotton and rice cargoes.

Epidemics of trachoma, and dysentery ascribed to climatic conditions, are reported in Uji, Ushigome, and Koishikawa.

An imperial ordinance with regard to leprosy has been issued, and at a conference of authorities it has been determined to begin at once the erection of buildings in 5 prefectures, the expense to be borne by the imperial and local treasuries. It has been decided also to begin enforcing the isolation law in April, 1908. Foreign lepers will be allowed to land in exceptional cases and for a short time only.

Seventy-one cases of plague and 755 plague-infected rats are reported in Osaka for the period January to July, 1907. At the naval base, Saseho, cases are occurring.

The Japanese consul at Newchwang reports an outbreak of plague at Gei Hai, near Newchwang.

Emigrants recommended for rejection.

Number of emigrants per steamship *Minnesota* recommended, August 13, 1907, for rejection: For Seattle, 36.

Report from Kobe—Quarantine against Osaka suspended.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Fowler reports, August 8:

No case of plague having occurred in Osaka since June 27, 1907, the quarantine regulations of the United States relating to infected places will from this date cease to be enforced at this consulate against Osaka.

MEXICO.

Report from Manzanillo—Yellow fever case on steamship San Juan.

Consul Deichman reports, August 20:

The Pacific Mail steamship *San Juan*, arriving here on the morning of August 17, was held in quarantine two days by the authorities